

Just in time for Fathers Day—NMCB-4 returns home from Far East deployment

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The main body U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) Four returned to Port Hueneme June 14 after a successful six-month deployment to the Far East.

The deployment was “Fabulous FOUR’s” second to the Far East in less than 12 months, concluding a back-to-back deployment of its main body to Camp Shields on Okinawa.

The battalion also deployed Details to Pohang, South Korea; Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territories; Ketchikan, Alaska; San Clemente Island, California; a Civic Action Team (CAT) to Pohnpei, Micronesia and four Details to mainland Japan (Atsugi, Mount Fuji, Iwakuni and Sasebo).

NMCB-4 also became involved in Operation Enduring Freedom when its air detachment deployed to the Philippines. Air det’s mission was to provide contingency construction for U.S. forces aiding and training Armed Forces of the Philippines personnel in their fight against the Abu Sayaff terrorist organization.

After a well-deserved rest period, the “Fab Four ‘Bees” will commence their first 10-month inport training period in preparation for their scheduled deployment to Guam in mid 2003.



NMCB-4’s newborn babies and “first kiss” families anxiously await the arrival of their “Fantastic Four” Seabees.



Lexi and Jonah are happy to be reunited in the arms of their father, SW2 Jacob Hagan, while thier mommy, Katie, walks along side.



NMCB-4 Executive Officer Lt. Cmdr. Rick Burgess happily poses for a quick picture with his wife Trish and his children (left to right) Emily, Sean, Maria and Kevin.



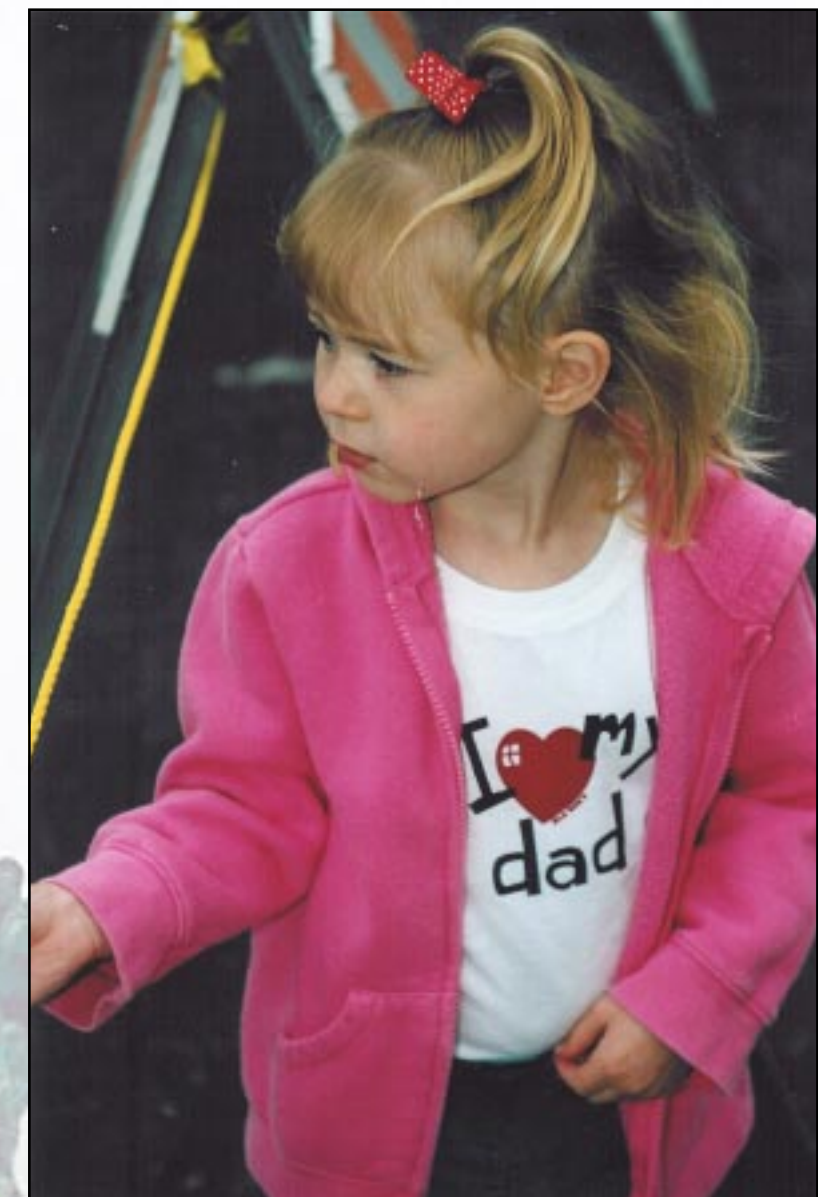
NMCB-4 main body members disembark from their flight to many friends and family members anxious to welcome them home.



BU1 Reginald Rudolph is rushed by his youngest daughter Khira who obviously missed her daddy very much.



Volunteers from the American Red Cross were on hand providing refreshments and support to the homecoming Seabees and their families.



Olivia Harding sports her “I love my dad” T-shirt while waiting for her dad, NMCB-4 Chaplain Lt. Brandon Harding, to return home.



CE3 Edna Cordero gives her daughter Yvette a big kiss on the cheek.



Many family members arrived with signs and tokens of love as they looked out into the returning wave of camouflage for their Seabee.

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